

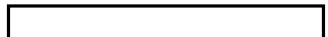
**TOP SECRET**

25X1



27 August 1963

25X1



Copy No. C 20-4

# CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN



25X1



State Dept. review completed

GROUP 1  
Excluded from automatic  
downgrading and  
declassification

**TOP SECRET**

25X1

Approved For Release 2003/05/16 : CIA-RDP79T00975A007200180001-2

Approved For Release 2003/05/16 : CIA-RDP79T00975A007200180001-2

27 August 1963

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN

CONTENTS

1. South Vietnam: Government anxious to restore appearance of normality. (Page 1)
2. Notes: Laos; Haiti; British Guiana; Brazil; West Germany. (Page 2)

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN

27 August 1963

### DAILY BRIEF

\*South Vietnam: Troops remain in control of strategic points in major towns, although the government appears eager to restore an appearance of normality.

There has been some easing of curfew restrictions in Saigon and Hue. Statements of support for the government's moves by Ngo Dinh Nhu's Republican Youth movement, by "patriotic" Buddhists, and by other progovernment groups are being circulated.

Viet Cong activity remains at a generally low level. A battalion-strength attack in northern South Vietnam that occurred on 21 August, the first large-scale attack in this region since last fall, probably was unrelated to the Buddhist situation.

Viet Cong actions on this scale are usually planned well in advance. Two Viet Cong battalions are normally located in the attack area.

25X1

NOTES

Laos: Phoumi Vongvichit, Pathet Lao Minister of Information in the coalition government, has returned to Vientiane after an absence of four months, claiming "full powers" to negotiate for Prince Souphannouvong, the Pathet Lao leader. There is no information on what proposals the Pathet Lao may be about to put forward. However, Vongvichit's return to the capital suggests that the Pathet Lao may at least temporarily be shifting emphasis from military pressure to political maneuvering.

25X1

Haiti: Friction is increasing between the Haitian Armed Forces (FAd'H), and the civil militia (VSN) which was created by Duvalier in 1958 to offset the power of the FAd'H. The present hostility between the two groups apparently stems from the VSN's poor showing against a handful of terrorists in the Kenscoff area last July and its more recent ineffectual action against the rebels in the northeast. This growing friction could ultimately weaken Duvalier's regime.

25X1

British Guiana:

25X1

allegations by a member of the government that documents distributed in the US by an opposition United Force (UF) senator are forgeries. The documents purported to prove fund transfers from Moscow to Jagan's People's Progressive Party through Barclay's Bank. The UF has been the most active opposition group recently, but publicity given this matter in British Guiana is likely to undermine the increasing influence and respect it appeared to be gaining.

25X1

25X1

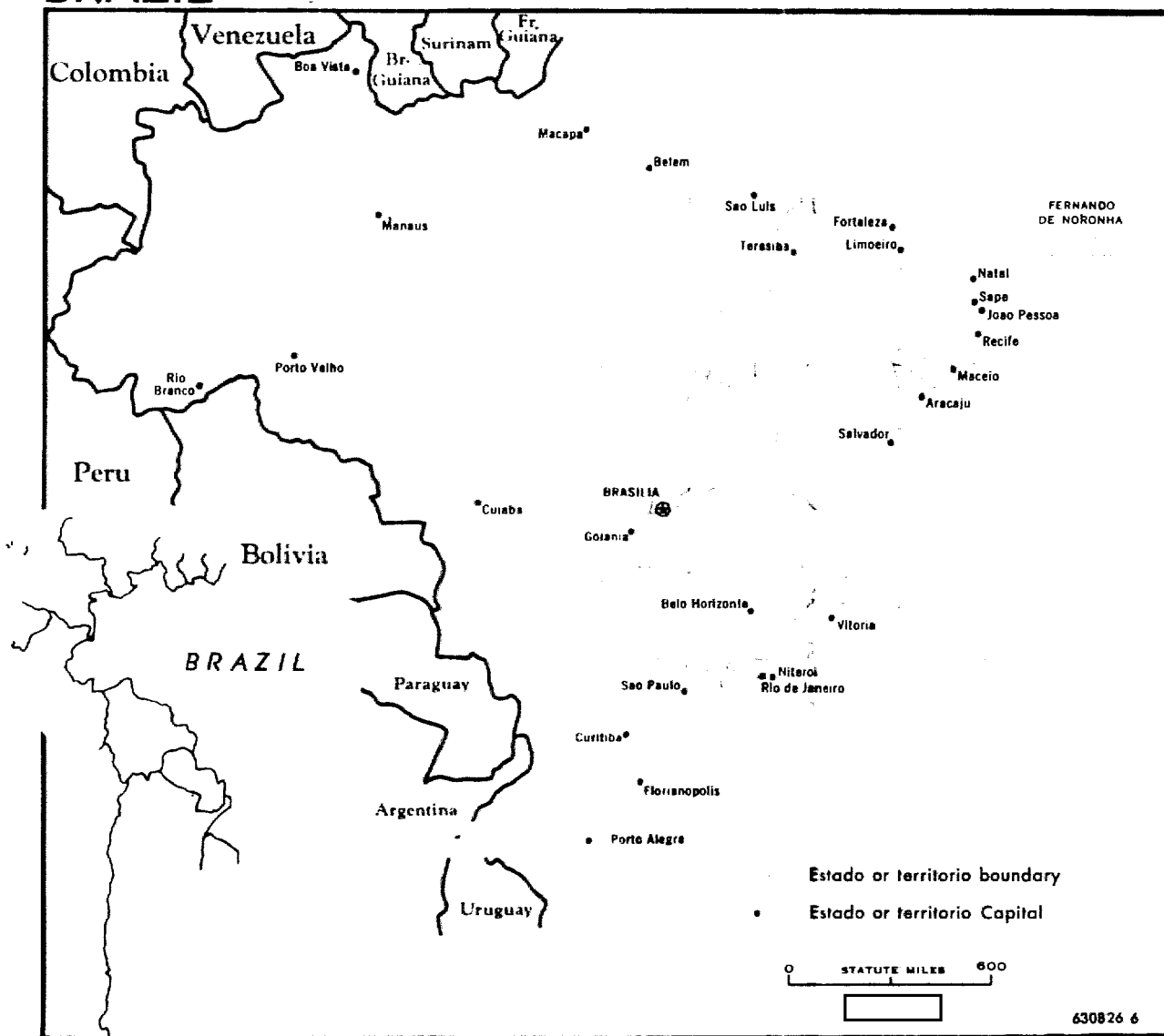
27 Aug 63

DAILY BRIEF

2

25X1

# BRAZIL



25X1

25X1

Brazil: Communist-controlled unions in PETROBRAS, the Brazilian Government's oil enterprise, reportedly plan to strike soon throughout Bahia State in hopes of sparking a nationwide strike. The Communists' main objective apparently is to bring pressure on the Goulart government to expropriate all privately owned oil refineries in Brazil. US and other private investment in the Brazilian oil industry is limited largely to distributing activities--exploration and refining being carried on almost exclusively by PETROBRAS.

25X1

West Germany: (The government is considering a request from the Ruhr steel industry for an immediate increase in tariffs on steel from countries not members of the European Coal and Steel Community from 6-8 percent to 10-12 percent. In sounding out the opinion of the US Embassy in Bonn, Under Secretary Westrick in the German Economics Ministry acknowledged that the proposed move might hurt the forthcoming Kennedy Round tariffs talks and said Bonn "hoped" to minimize the damage by making the tariff increase only temporary. The government's willingness to consider this move apparently reflects the failure of recent efforts to stem the flow of low-priced steel into the German market by means of informal agreements between the Coal-Steel Community and Britain, Japan, and Austria.)

25X1

25X1

27 Aug 63

DAILY BRIEF

3

Approved For Release 2003/05/16 : CIA-RDP79T00975A007200180001-2

THE PRESIDENT  
 The Vice President  
 Executive Offices of the White House  
     Special Counsel to the President  
     The Special Assistant for National Security Affairs  
     The Scientific Adviser to the President  
     The Director of the Budget  
     The Director, National Aeronautics and Space Administration  
 The Department of State  
     The Secretary of State  
     The Under Secretary of State  
     The Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs  
     The Deputy Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs  
     The Counselor and Chairman of the Policy Planning Council  
     The Director of Intelligence and Research  
 The Treasury Department  
     The Secretary of the Treasury  
     The Under Secretary of the Treasury  
 The Department of Defense  
     The Secretary of Defense  
     The Deputy Secretary of Defense  
     The Secretary of the Army  
     The Secretary of the Navy  
     The Secretary of the Air Force  
     The Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs)  
     The Assistant Secretary of Defense  
     The Chairman, The Joint Chiefs of Staff  
     Chief of Naval Operations, United States Navy  
     Chief of Staff, United States Air Force  
     Chief of Staff, United States Army  
     Commandant, United States Marine Corps  
     U.S. Rep., Military Committee and Standing Group, NATO  
     Supreme Allied Commander, Europe  
     Commander in Chief, Pacific  
     Commander in Chief, Atlantic  
     The Director, Defense Intelligence Agency  
     The Director, The Joint Staff  
     The Director for Intelligence, The Joint Staff  
     The Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of Army  
     The Director of Naval Intelligence, Department of Navy  
     The Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Department of the Air Force  
 The Department of Justice  
     The Attorney General  
     The Federal Bureau of Investigation  
     The Director  
 The Atomic Energy Commission  
     The Chairman  
 The National Security Agency  
     The Director  
 The United States Information Agency  
     The Director  
 The National Indications Center  
     The Director

Approved For Release 2003/05/16 : CIA-RDP79T00975A007200180001-2



Approved For Release 2003/05/10 : CIA-RDP80-01701T00975A007200180001-2

**TOP SECRET**

Approved For Release 2003/05/10 : CIA-RDP80-01701T00975A007200180001-2

**TOP SECRET**